

MARINES BOONDOGGLE

Marines provides some possible answers for MCMOPS, what do you think it means?

- A. Marine Corps Mops; the implements used for deck cleaning.
- B. Marine Corps Military Operations Systems; a military command established in the mid 1970s that drafts and updates military operational training manuals.
- C. Military Counter-operations Monitoring System; a software program designed for military intelligence that tracks counter-operation activity.
- D. Mine Countermeasures Operations; measures used to counter or prevent mine use by the enemy.

Answer on page 55. If you know of an unusual or odd military acronym, please send it, along with its correct meaning to Marines at MCNews@hqmc.usmc.mil.



From
'Aarugha'
to 'Oorah'



From training day one at boot camp Marines bark **"Oorah"** as a mindless, endless form motivation. But just where did Marines get this funny foghorn sound? As with every good Marine Corps tradition or legend, countless stories about the word's origins abound. The stories of **"Oorah"** range from the logical to the absurd, including that it is Turkish for kill, which is in fact **"öldürmek,"** or even simply that it is a direct counter against the Army's Hooah. But in the lexicon of Marine Corps traditions, **"Oorah"** is rather new. Any veteran of the past 50 years would tell you no Marine before 1950 said it.

So where did the word really originate?

The story with the most credibility holds that the word began with reconnaissance Marines stationed in Korea in 1953. The story goes that Marines with 1st Amphibious Reconnaissance Company traveled via submarine. An intercom call **"dive, dive,"** and a klaxon alarm, which made a very distinct **"Aarugha"** sound, announced a sub's descent. Recon Marines heard this sound often and started using it as a motivational tool during runs and physical training. Eventually **"Aarugha"** mutated into **"Oorah,"** according to retired Maj. Gary Marte. Oddly enough, the official Marine Corps Training Reference Manual about the history of Marine recon is titled **"Aarugha"** and the manual credits the origination of the phrase with reconnaissance Marines. The Corps is rich with traditions and history and stories passed from drill instructor to recruit and Marine to Marine, add the color to that history. **"Oorah"** is just one of those colorful bits of history that separates Marines from any other branch of service. **MC**

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Kevlar Cookin'

The designers of MREs may have thought they were complete meals-ready-to-eat, but Marines knows better. Once in the field, Marines mix and match ingredients from various MREs for dishes with some surprisingly tasty results. These recipes are your favorite concoctions for your MREs and care package pogeys bait.

Macaroni & Cheese with Chicken

Ingredients:

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| 1 - Butter Noodles Package | 1 - Cheese Spread |
| 1 - Chicken Breast Patty | 2 - MRE heaters |
| 1 - MRE Sleeve | |

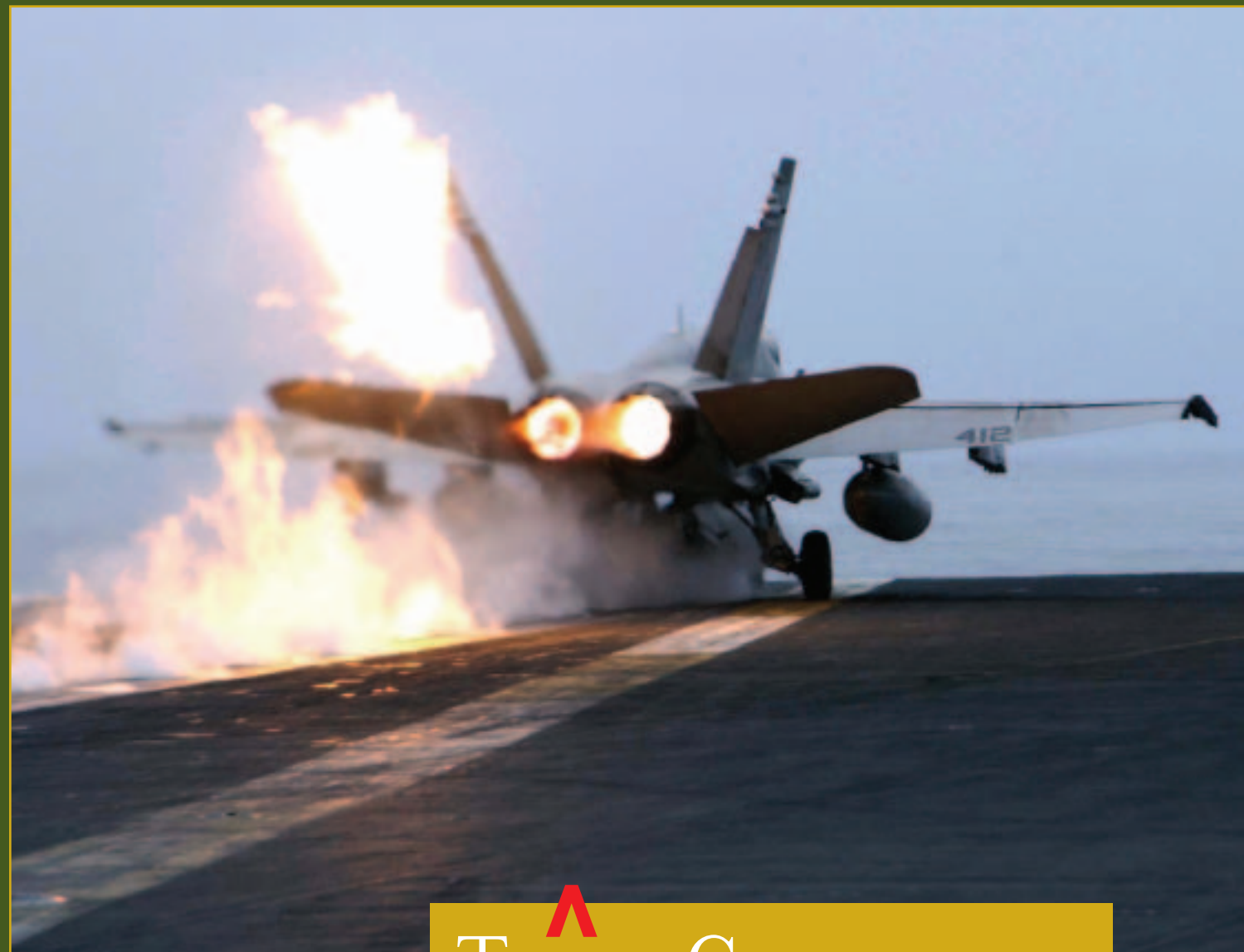
Directions:

Cut an MRE Sleeve in half about 1/3 from the bottom for a field-expedient bowl. Heat the Butter Noodles and Cheese Spread packages with one MRE Heater and the Chicken Breast with the other heater. When everything is completely heated, pour the Butter Noodles and the Cheese Spread into the MRE sleeve bowl and stir until well blended. Cut the Chicken Breast Patty into cubes, then add to the mixture. Stir and it's ready to eat. Serves 1.

This dish tastes just like Tuna Helper according to its creator.

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TAILEND CHARLIE

PACIFIC OCEAN — An F/A-18C Hornet, from VMFA-232, launches from the flight deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) while underway, Sept. 15. VMFA-232, the Red Devils, employs the F/A-18 Hornet primarily in a ground attack role. The Hornet is a mainstay of current Marine fixed wing strike capabilities, fulfilling a variety of missions formerly assigned to F-4 Phantom IIs, A-6 Intruders, A-4 Skyhawks and OV-10 Broncos and is the most prevalent fixed wing aircraft operated in the Corps.

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